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1. It is reported that Arthur Lieutenant, acting head of the IDP, approached several SMA offices during April 1948 to protest against SMA support of a new bourgeois party. His protests received no favor from the SMA. Col. Tyulpanov assured Lieutenant that he knew of no such action in the offing, since no new party had submitted a request for a license.
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Comment: The Russian-licensed press in Berlin has reported meetings of organizing committees of the National Democratic Party in Saxony and of the Democratic Peasants' Party in Mecklenburg.)
2. Tyulpanov advised Lieutenant to refrain from agitation against such a new party since such a group might well render Germany greater services than other parties already in existence. The IDP, he said, has been unable to rally any support for the Volkskongress in the West, largely because its leaders are considered Russian tools. Actual political power in Germany is in the hands of the non-party voters and former Nazis. At first it was planned to let the Nazis join the present parties, but it became evident that such a system would fail to extend Russian influence to western Germany. Accordingly, the SMA has decided on another method; however, it is not yet certain whether or when the SMA will license a new party for former Nazis. It might be easier to extend Russian influence to the West by means of the Volkskongress, in which event licensing of a new party would be postponed or even cancelled completely.
3. Lieutenant objected that a new party would resurrect Nazism. Tyulpanov replied that the SMA would exercise close supervision over all persons and plans. Moreover, the new movement might not be classed as a political party but rather as a branch of the Volkskongress and might eventually be absorbed into the existing political parties. The SMA will have no scruples against taking any step which will help it to extend its influence over all of Germany. SMA policy is adaptable to any change in the political situation.

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